

Delay to Killiecrankie road plan

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The dual carriageway could put the site of the Battle of Killiecrankie at risk
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The Scottish heritage agency yesterday stepped in to delay work on a dual carriageway that would have driven through a celebrated battlefield.

Historic Environment Scotland said that Transport Scotland had not provided enough evidence to ensure that the site of the Battle of Killiecrankie had been “taken fully into account” in the design of the A9. It has requested more assurances about the impact of the road, which would take motorists through the area where heavy fighting between Jacobites and government troops took place in 1689. It welcomed an acknowledgment from Transport Scotland that the effect of the project “would be significant.”

George MacLean of the Killiecrankie 1689 group, which is protesting against the scheme, said: “We want more than a delay. We will not call off our protest until this damaging route is redesigned altogether.”